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Breuninger Hall

DEDICATION: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2013

Program of Dedication

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 3:30 P.M., BREUNINGER HALL

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| Welcome | Ben R. Sells, Vice President for University Advancement |
| Invocation | Mark D. Taylor, Chair, Board of Trustees |
| Tribute | Faye E. Chechowich '74, Dean of Faculty Development and Professor of Christian Educational Ministries |
| Family Reflections | Colleen L. Hoffman, great niece of Ruth Ann Breuninger |
| Student Development Philosophy of Residence Life | Coein "Skip" Trudeau, Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students |
| Student Reflections | Nathanael B. Nupanga '14 |
| Presidential Remarks | Eugene B. Habecker '68 |
| Dedicatory Music <i>I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness</i> (Antonín Dvorák) (Psalm 145 : 1-7 ; 144:9) | H. Conor Angell '06, Assistant Professor of Music Margaret B. Hammond '86, Staff Accompanist |
| Prayer of Dedication | Debby C. Cheruiyot Bii MAHE '11, Breuninger Hall Director |

Open House in Breuninger Hall immediately following the program.

Reception and Reunion (Christian Education majors '64-'75)

Legacy '64 Commons, Euler Science Complex

Ruth Ann

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BREUNINGER

Dr. Ruth Ann Breuninger, associate professor of religion and physical education at Taylor University from 1964 to 1975, left a remarkable legacy. As head of the Christian Education division of the Religion Department, she oversaw the growth of the program from just a few majors when she began as the first female hired in that department at Taylor, to over 100 by her resignation in 1975.

Dr. Breuninger—affectionately called “Miss B” and later “Dr. B” by her students—was noted for her love of God and love of others and invested deeply in Christ-centered community with her students, mentoring hundreds one-on-one, sponsoring student clubs, identifying leadership potential, and maintaining relationships and correspondence with many until her passing.

In the fall of 1971 she envisioned a month-long ministry trip to the Bahamas for her department’s eight senior majors, which evolved into Taylor’s current University-wide Lighthouse program, which has since seen over 2,200 students participate in 150 January mission trips in 29 different countries. Her instigation of the Lighthouse program marks her as an early visionary for the value of providing students with international experiences, demonstrating a commitment to international service-learning that is a hallmark of Taylor today.

Her dream was to equip the next generation of ministry practitioners and increase the effectiveness of church workers. She provided students with abundant hands-on ministry experience and served as a resource for developing servant leaders’ efficiency in their Kingdom work.

Dr. B had an impact on many outside of Taylor and displayed life-long faithfulness through her many outreaches, including teaching posts at Columbia Bible College and Lancaster Bible College; her role as Coordinator of Christian Education at both Hollywood Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, CA, and North Avenue Presbyterian



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Church in Atlanta, GA; and her ministries, including Invest in a Life in Charlestown, MD, and her namesake Christian resource center, the Bee Hive at Sandy Cove Bible Conference, where she served for 16 years.

Even though Dr. B passed away in 2007, her impact is still felt by Taylor University's students, the Christian Education Department and Lighthouse program. To honor and continue the legacy of short-term missions, international service-learning, Christ-centered community, servant leadership, and life-long faithfulness exemplified by Dr. Ruth Ann Breuninger, this residence hall is, therefore, named Breuninger Hall.

Rauch Family Plaza

The Rauch Family Plaza, adjacent to Breuninger Hall, is made possible by a gift from Clyde '73 and Kay Rauch. Clyde formerly served on Taylor's Board of Visitors and his company, Touchstone Construction Planning & Management, was instrumental in the planning and construction management of Breuninger Hall.

A distinct feature of the hall, the Plaza is a significant gathering space, and includes a water feature containing boulders and various plantings. Water flowing from the Euler Science Complex finds its way to unique pools, rock formations, and waterfalls to the northeast of the Hall entrance, under a footbridge, and eventually empties into Taylor Lake. It is then transported back to the center of campus to irrigate landscaped areas near the Zondervan Library, Euler Science Complex and Reade Center—a portion of the University's geothermal stream and overall focus on sustainability.



This new residence hall on the southern end of campus was designed with a large, two-story common lobby along with an expansive patio space to connect both indoor and outdoor gathering spaces. Housing 50 male students on the first floor, and 50 female students on both the second and the third floors, this hall has rooms arranged along a common corridor with shared study, lounge, and bathroom spaces. Key components that inspired the design were highlighting a sense of arrival and sharing spaces in common. The sense of arrival is an important element in the creation of our residence hall communities as it communicates “welcome, we’re glad you are here, you’re home” and the shared spaces in common provide opportunities to learn lessons with and from one another that may not be learned on our own.



Thank you.

The dedication of Breuninger Hall during Homecoming weekend reflects considerable effort on the part of numerous faculty, staff, students and trustees. This comprehensive project—design, development, construction, funding and dedication of the facility—is a reality due to the efforts of not only Taylor community members, but also our construction partners, including:

Touchstone Construction Planning & Management

Fanning Howey (architectural)

Brooks Construction (concrete and asphalt)

Clounie Landscaping (landscaping)

Rex Collins Electric (electric)

Countryside Companies (retaining walls)

David Dale Designs (interior design)

Fetters Construction (general trades/masonry)

A. Hattersley (plumbing)

Michael Kinder and Sons (foundation concrete)

Project Design & Piping (mechanical)

Keith Sullivan Excavating (excavation)

The University recognizes with sincere appreciation Amanda J. Hoffman, who lovingly painted the portrait of her great-great aunt, Ruth Ann Breuninger, for the lobby of Breuninger Hall, and expresses heart-felt thanks to the countless individuals involved in this project.